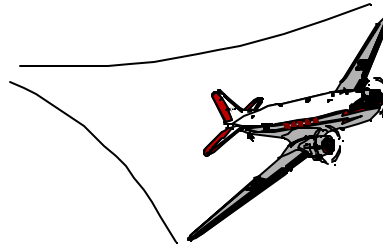


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Introduction

This Special Airworthiness Information Bulletin advises you, an owner or operator, of SOCATA TB 20 and TB 21 series airplanes of the need to review the service bulletin listed below.

Background

The FAA's Small Airplane Directorate conducted a review of specified SOCATA TB 20 and TB 21 series airplanes service bulletins. The purpose of the review was to evaluate each service bulletin to determine the continued airworthiness safety aspect. The options considered by the FAA included: Mandated compliance by initiation of a FAA Airworthiness Directive (AD), various forms of notices, or no further action required.

Owners/operators of SOCATA TB 20 and TB 21 series airplanes should also note that there have been ADs issued against these airplanes concerning other safety issues.

Recommendations

The service bulletin identified in this document is not considered appropriate for AD action at this time, however, the FAA strongly suggests that all owners/operators of the SOCATA TBM series airplanes review their compliance with the service bulletin listed below.

SOCATA TBM Airplane Series			
Service Bulletin Number	MODEL	DATE	TITLE
SB 10-116	TB 20 and TB 21	12/00	Nose Gear Mount Bolts Tightening

The Service Bulletins Can Be Obtained From

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